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FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ACOM, NU
SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF NODIS CABLES

REF: (A) STATE 201672, (B) SPRINGSTEEN LETTER TO AMB THEBERGE
AUGUST 25, 1975 (C) STATE 206246

1. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE NODIS CAPTION ON CABLES SHOULD BE USED
"ONLY FOR MESSAGES OF HIGHEST SENSITIVITY", BUT QUESTION YOUR
DESCRIPTION OF MANAGUA 3795 AS "MISUSE" OF THAT CAPTION IN REFTEL
(A).

2. IN A LETTER TO ME DATED AUGUST 25, 1975, WHICH, I SUSPECT,
WAS ALSO SENT TO OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SPRINGSTEEN ISSUED A CLEAR INVITATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE
THE NODIS INDICATOR AND TO "ADD SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY-----ONLY." MR. SPRINGSTEEN EMPHASIZED
HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE SECRETARY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, AND
UNDER SECRETARIES INFORMED, BUT SAIS HE WOULD OTHERWISE FULLY
HONOR OUR DESIGNATIONS AND CONSULT WITH OUR DESIGNATED ADDRESSEE
BEFORE MAKING ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION. MANAGUA 3795 WAS SENT
WITH SPRINGSTEEN'S OFFER CLEARLY IN MIND.

3. YOUR PREDECESSOR'S LETTER ALSO DESCRIBED HANDLING OF EXDIS
AND LIMDIS CAPTIONS, WHICH STATE 201672 SUGGESTS AS MORE
APPROPRIATE THAN NODIS IN THE CASE AT HAND. I AM NOT CONVINCED
THAT EITHER CAPTION, IF MESSAGES SO MARKED ARE DISTRIBUTED IN
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THE MANNER SPRINGSTEEN SET FORTH, WOULD ACHIEVE THE KIND OF

PRIVACY THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION NEED WHEN THEY WISH TO COMMUNICATE
DIRECTLY WITH A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR STAFF
ON CLASSIFIED POLICY MATTERS. I AM SENDING YOU BY POUCH A
MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM OF PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS
AS I VIEW IT. WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS AND
GUIDANCE IN DUE COURSE.
THEBERGE

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